

## GEVORK ZOHRAB BANDARIAN

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6983]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6983) for the relief of Gevork Zohrab Bandarian, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Gevork Zohrab Bandarian. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Iran on July 4, 1930, and he last entered the United States as a seaman on December 25, 1949. In 1950 he fraudulently obtained a false certificate of birth and succeeded in joining the United States Air Force and served for 14 months before being discharged for alienage.

Congressman J. Frank Wilson, the author of the bill, appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary and made the following statement:

Gevork Zoharb Bandarian through his own efforts was successful in enlisting in the Air Force for 4 years and served from November 1, 1950, to January 3, 1952, at which time he was holding the rank of private first class, but was discharged for fraudulent enlistment. I have made every effort to secure all the facts pertaining to his record and have contacted the Immigration Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of the Air Force. Other than his illegal entry, the departments of the Government have nothing against this young man and I am enclosing the reports received. As evidence of his high moral

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character, mental alertness, Christian faith, general attitude, and ability, I further enclose a number of communications from prominent business men, ministers, organizations, and acquaintances. Among this material submitted there are two statements by Bandarian; one giving the details of his past life and the other addressed to me under date of April 22, 1952, expressing a desire to reenlist in the Armed Forces, emphasizing his willingness to be assigned to any position or country where it may be necessary to defend the United States.

From my investigation of young Bandarian and the evidence attached, I have no hesitancy in recommending favorable consideration of H. R. 6983.

J. FRANK WILSON,  
Member of Congress.

The documents referred to in Congressman Wilson's statement read in part as follows:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,  
Washington, D. C., March 25, 1952.

Hon. J. FRANK WILSON,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN: Your letter of March 18, 1952, has been received.

Our identification records reflect that Gevork Zohrab Bandarian was arrested by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at Dallas, Tex., on December 3, 1951, for deportation. We have as yet received no information as to the final disposition of this matter. It is further reflected Gevork Bunderiyan was arrested by the sheriff's office in Dallas, Tex., on January 5, 1952, at which time he was charged with illegal entry. There is no disposition available for this arrest. Fingerprint records reflect that Bunderiyan and Bandarian are one and the same person.

Our records verify the data that this individual under the name of George Zachary Sandarian enlisted in the Air Force November 1, 1950. At this time he gave his place of birth as Viroqua, Vernon, Wis.

Our files reflect no further information regarding this individual and we have no record that this party was ever investigated by the FBI.

It is always a pleasure to be of service to you.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
Washington, D. C., March 3, 1952.

Hon. J. FRANK WILSON,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. WILSON: This will confirm the telephone conversation of February 25, 1952, between Mr. Bender, of your office, and a representative of this Service concerning the deportation case of Gevork Zohrab Bandarian or Gowerk Bunderiyan or George Z. Sandarian or George Zachary Sandarian.

The record relating to Mr. Bandarian shows that he is a native and citizen of Iran who last entered the United States on December 25, 1949, at the port of Baltimore, Md., as a nonimmigrant seaman, under the name of Gowerk Bunderiyan. As he remained in the United States and failed to depart in accordance with the terms of his admission, he was made the subject of deportation proceedings by this Service by the issuance of a warrant for his arrest. He was subsequently accorded a hearing under the warrant of arrest for the purpose of determining his deportability and to afford him an opportunity to apply for discretionary relief. A review of the record of hearing reveals that he testified that although he entered the United States as a seaman, it was his intention at the time of entry to desert the ship and remain in this country, in view of which his entry was not a lawful one. It is noted from the record that he fraudulently secured a birth certificate, and that he thereafter fraudulently used these documents to enlist in the United States Air Force, November 1, 1950, by claiming to be a United States citizen. He was given an undesirable discharge by the United States Air Force on January 3, 1952, for fraudulent enlistment, concealment of alienage.

Mr. Bandarian's case has been accorded very careful consideration and upon the basis of all the evidence of record, it has been concluded that the facts and circumstances in his case do not warrant the granting of any discretionary relief. Accordingly, it was found necessary to enter an order on February 25, 1952, directing that applications for voluntary departure and preexamination be denied. The order further directs that he be deported from the United States on the charge that at the time of entry he was an immigrant not in possession of a valid immigration visa as required by the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924, and not exempted from the presentation thereof by said act or regulations made thereunder.

Notice of the above order has been transmitted for the information and appropriate attention of the district director of this Service at San Antonio, Tex., the official having immediate jurisdiction over Mr. Bandarian's case. The order is final unless an appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals here in Washington, D. C., shall have been taken within 15 business days after its service.

Sincerely,

ARGYLE R. MACKEY, *Commissioner.*

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HIGHLAND PARK METHODIST CHURCH,  
Dallas, Tex., March 23, 1952.

Hon. J. FRANK WILSON,  
*House Office Building, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR FRIEND: I am happy for you to use any letter I have written you in behalf of Mr. George Bandarian in any way that will be helpful to the boy. Maybe it would be helpful for me to state again in this letter some of my feelings concerning him.

Though I understand that the boy entered the United States illegally, and obtained a fraudulent birth certificate, I am greatly impressed over the fact that he volunteered for military service and that his military record is unblemished. I am further impressed with the fact that even though he knew well that he was a deserter in the eyes of the Iranian Government, he made a voluntary confession of his guilt to a chaplain and set out to try to do the right thing.

I am further impressed with the fact that even while he was in military service, stationed at Sheppard Field, he hitch-hiked into town every night to attend night school to improve his learning, and he also was very active in the young people's department of the Methodist Church in Wichita Falls.

I have seen him on a great many occasions since he has been in the Dallas County jail and since his release from jail. I have had him in my home. I am greatly impressed with his extraordinarily fine spirit, his very alert mind, and his genuine appreciation of the privileges that have been accorded him in the United States. He is willing and ready to reenter military service and carry as well as he can the full responsibilities of citizenship in this country.

Though I would regret to have to make a trip to Washington, I want you to know that if you think my presence would be helpful I will gladly come to Washington and testify before any committee in his behalf.

I think I should tell you that before I ever went to see the boy I was assured by certain Government officials in Dallas that both the FBI and the military intelligence had made a careful study of his background and had given the boy a clean bill of health.

Let me thank you again for your interest in him and assure you of my readiness to do anything in my power to be helpful to you as you work in his behalf.

With all cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,

MARSHALL T. STEEL.

P. S.—I am sending a separate letter, some photostatic copies of letters, you may use if you care to.

M. T. S.

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WICHITA FALLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL,  
Wichita Falls, Tex., November 16, 1951.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

I have known the holder of this letter, George Sandarian, for more than 1 year as a student in this school and as an individual. During that time he has at all times conducted himself as a gentleman and as a scholar. My personal contacts

with him other than in my line of duty have been most pleasant. Without any hesitation I am pleased to state that George impresses me as a fine, honest, upright gentleman and I am honored that he is my friend.

Very truly yours,

G. A. REAVES,  
Director of Guidance.

WICHITA FALLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL,  
Wichita Falls, Tex., November 16, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

George Sandarian was a student in Wichita Falls Senior High School during the school year of 1950-51. During that time he conducted himself in a manner beyond reproach.

George is a good citizen, a good student, and is liked and respected by students and teachers.

Sincerely yours,

O. T. FREEMAN, Principal.

FLORAL HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH,  
Wichita Falls, Tex., November 18, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

George Sandarian has been very active among the young people at Floral Heights Methodist Church. His interest and participation in the young people's activities during the period of time he has been attending our church have shown his leadership ability. He seems to be a very fine, capable young man. Submitting these recommendations to you, I am

Sincerely,

EARL R. HOGGARD.

WICHITA FALLS, TEX., November 16, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

George Sandarian entered Wichita Falls Senior High School, Wichita Falls, Tex., at the beginning of the second semester of the 1950-51 school year. At that time he was assigned to the home-room group under my supervision. Since he was older than the other members, he was of great service to me in influencing the other boys in the ways of good citizenship.

The strong desire to learn motivated every interest that George had in school activities and it won for him the full cooperation and respect of the faculty and student body. I unreservedly recommend George Sandarian as a person loyal to our country and its interests.

Very truly yours,

PAULINE P. SMITH,  
Assistant Librarian, Wichita Falls Senior High School.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6983) should be enacted.

